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Notice of Allowability

Application No. **08/502,773**

Applicant(s)

Harlow

Examiner

James H. Reamer

Group Art Unit 1205



All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not include herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.
∑ This communication is responsive to May 24, 1997
∑ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6 and 8-34
The drawings filed on are acceptable.
Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
☐ received.
received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number)
received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
*Certified copies not received:
Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" of this Office action. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).
Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which disclose that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
☐ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
\square because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.
including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto to Paper No
including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on, which has been approved by the examiner.
including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal lettter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.
☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.
Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.
Attachment(s)
☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
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☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Stewart Gitler on August 14, 1997.

- 2. The application has been amended as follows: In the claims, claim 1, line 5 add after the word "1:2" and before the period --and no more than about 7:1--, cancel claim 7. The amendments were made to include the limitation of claim 7 into claim 1 since this upper limit is considered to be critical to the invention.
- 3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims are considered to distinguish over the prior art since there is no teaching of the ratio for the two active ingredients. Unexpected results have been shown within the recited ratio.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James H. Reamer whose telephone number is (703) 308-4461.

JAMES H. REAMER
PRIMARY EXAMINER
GROUP 120 - ART UNIT 1265

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August 14, 1997